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TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR VIRTUAL INJECTION OF NETWORK APPLICATION CODES INTO NETWORK SIMULATION

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Notice of Allowability**Application No.**

10/700,976

Applicant(s)

RHODES, DAVID L.

Examiner

JUAN C. OCHOA

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 11/12/08.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-16, 18-27, 33 and 34.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. The amendment filed 11/12/08 has been received and considered. Claims 1–16, 18–27, 33, and 34 are presented for examination.

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

2. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 11/12/08 has been entered.

Examiner's Amendment

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
4. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Sunil Raval on 12/8/08.
5. The application has been amended as follows:
6. Claim 18 line 2, the word "utilizes" has been replaced with the word --utilize--.
7. Claim 21 line 2, the word "code" has been replaced with the word --codes--.

8. Claim 33 line 16, the period "." after "and wherein each client interface" has been replaced with a comma --, --.
9. Claim 33 line 23, immediately before the term "inserts", the following has been inserted -- and --.
10. Claim 33 line 30, the period "." after "and wherein each client interface" has been replaced with a comma --, --.
11. Examiner notes that claims 18 and 21 are currently amended to bring the claim language in conformity with that of the base claims from which claims and depend.

Allowable Subject Matter

12. Claims 1–16, 18–27, 33, and 34 are allowed over prior art of record.
13. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
14. While Kestutis Patiejunas, U.S. Patent 7,457,737, discloses an addressing module that maps an original network address of a network packet to a simulated network address, replaces the original network address of the network packet with the simulated network address when the network packet is sent, and replaces the simulated network address with the original network address when the network packet is returned; a propagation module that alters a propagation connection characteristic of the network packet; and a transmission module that removes the network packet from a queue at a send time that is determined by the propagation module and deletes the send time from the network packets when the packet is removed from the queue (see claim 1) and simulates connections of a network; accesses a stream of network packets; calculates a send time for each of the network packets; sequences the network packets in a queue

until the respective send times to simulate a desired propagation connection characteristic; alters the stream of network packets to simulate a network address translation of the network packet by randomly generating a simulated network address for each new connection and mapping the original network address to the simulated network address for each network packet; replaces the original network address of the network packet with the simulated network address when the network packet is sent; replaces the simulated network address with the original network address when the network packet is returned; and deletes the send time from each of the network packets when the packets are removed from the queue (see claim 8),

Kieffer, U.S. Patent 7,231,644, discloses optimizing application code for deployment to a client over a data link, which extracts all the determined external code needed by a object in order to implement its functionality from any embedded code blocks and at least one import file, wherein any embedded code blocks and at least one import file from which the needed code is extracted further contains unneeded code, which is not extracted; and concatenates all the extracted external code needed by the object in order to implement its functionality into a single file (see claim 1),

Nadeau et al., U.S. Patent 7,099,947, discloses controlling access of network management requests, wherein a managed network device extracts securityName values from a request and identifies, based on the particular securityName value that is mapped in the second mapping, corresponding particular Management Information Base views (see claim 24),

Maurer, U.S. Patent 6,922,663, discloses a simulator enabling insertion of simulated network frames onto a physical medium for delivery to a system under test implementing servers to achieve load balancing across a network (see claim 4), Maurer discloses modifying, via the client interfaces and the server, the network application code by removing or inserting messages to or from simulated nodes (see col. 6, lines 45–63),

Bleier discloses a client interface which communicates with the network application code (see col. 7, lines 53–61),

none of these references taken either alone or in combination and in the same relationship with the prior art of record disclose specifically including:

claim 1, "modifying, via the client interfaces and the server, the actual networked application code by removing or inserting messages to or from simulated nodes",

claim 2, "insertion of and extraction of messages or packets from the actual networked application codes to the simulated node, or from the simulated node to the actual networked application codes, via the client interface and the server",

and claim 33, "and wherein each client interface, upon receiving messages or packets from its associated actual networked application code destined for the network simulator, inserts management information into the messages or packets from the actual networked application code, and forwards the messages or packets including the management information to the server; and wherein the server, upon receiving messages or packets from one of the networked application codes, creates, in accordance with the mapping of said one of the networked application codes, and inserts a simulated message or packet of the same size and content into the network

simulation of the network simulator; and wherein the server, upon receiving messages or packets from the network simulation destined for one of the networked application codes, inserts management information into the messages or packets from the network simulator, and forwards the messages or packets including said server inserted management information to the client interface with which said one of the networked application codes is associated; and wherein each client interface, upon receiving messages or packets from the server destined for its associated actual networked application code, strips server inserted management information from the messages or packets, and forwards the messages or packets without the management information to the actual networked application code",
in combination with and in the same relationship with the remaining elements and features of the claimed invention. Also, there is no motivation to combine these references to meet these limitations. It is for these reasons that applicant's invention defines over the prior art of record.

Response to Arguments

15. Applicant's arguments filed 11/12/08 have been fully considered, and they are persuasive.

Conclusion

16. Examiner would like to point out that any reference to specific figures, columns and lines should not be considered limiting in any way, the entire reference is considered to provide disclosure relating to the claimed invention.

17. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Juan C. Ochoa whose telephone number is (571) 272-2625. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30AM - 4:00 PM.

18. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Paul Rodriguez can be reached on (571) 272-3753. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/J. C. O./ 12/15/08

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